

**Amendment to the ABSTRACT:**

This abstract will replace all prior versions, and listings, of the abstract in the application:

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[[This invention relates to an]] An intervertebral connection system having a fabric-based conformable ligament is disclosed herein. [[comprising:

a) a ligament having:

- i) a central portion,
- ii) first and second end portions, and
- iii) first and second conformable portions,

wherein the first conformable portion is disposed between the central portion and the first end portion, and the second conformable portion is disposed between the central portion and the second end portion, and

b) first and second shoulderless bone fasteners,

wherein the first end portion is shaped to cooperatively connect to the first bone fastener, and the second end portion is shaped to cooperatively connect to the second bone fastener]].